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POLICING & POLICY

US Supreme Court Rules Warrants Are "Generally Needed" To Collect Cellphone Location Data.

In a front-page article, the New York Times (6/22, A1, Liptak, Subscription Publication) reports that, in a "major statement on privacy in the digital age," the US Supreme Court ruled 5-4 on Friday that the government "generally" needs a warrant to collect "troves of location data about the customers of cellphone companies." Writing for the majority in the case, Carpenter v. United States, No. 16-402, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote, "We decline to grant the state unrestricted access to a wireless carrier's database of physical location information." The Times says the ruling "has implications for all kinds of personal information held by third parties, including email and text messages, internet searches, and bank and credit card records."

In a front-page article, the Washington Post (6/22, A1, Barnes) says the Supreme Court on Friday "put new restraints on law enforcement's access to the ever-increasing amount of private information about Americans available in the digital age." The justices ruled that authorities "generally" must obtain warrants to "gain access to cell-tower records that can provide a virtual timeline and map of a person's whereabouts." Chief Justice Roberts was "joined by the court's liberal members." A front-page Wall Street Journal (6/22, A1, Kendall, Bravin, Subscription Publication) article reports that there are exceptions to the rule, such as in the case of bomb threats, active shootings, and child abductions.

Pennsylvania Governor Signs School Safety Legislation.

The AP (6/22) reported Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf "signed school safety legislation that passed Friday as part of a response spurred by February's high school shooting in Florida that killed 17 people." The law "sets up state-administered programs to distribute school safety grants and take anonymous reports of dangerous activities or threats of violence in schools." The law also "tasks a new committee under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to develop an assessment of school safety and security, and use it to suggest improvements to school districts."

Kansas Good Samaritan Law To Go Into Effect July 1.

The AP (6/23) reports, "A new Kansas law goes into effect on July 1 that legally protects Good Samaritans who break into vehicles to save overheating children, animals and vulnerable adults." The new law "states it would provide immunity from civil liability when a vehicle is damaged by a person trying to aid a 'vulnerable person or domestic animal' in situations where there is 'imminent danger of harm' and law enforcement has been notified."

Ontario Police Receiving Fewer 911 Calls, But More Complex Cases.

CBC (CAN) (6/22) reported London, Ontario, police officers are "responding to more personal and complex cases, despite the number of 911 callers decreasing in the last decade, according to numbers released by the service." While overall 911 calls "decreased by 16 per cent between 2008 and 2017, mental health calls jumped by 67 per cent." Domestic violence calls "also increased by 18 per cent during the same period." Deputy Chief Daryl Longworth said mental health calls "take a lot of time from our officers throughout the day," and also "noted that officers are happy to assist in even mental illness-related cases that don't pertain to law enforcement."

CRIME & DRUGS

Opioid Reclassification "More Than Doubled" Black Market Sales, Study Suggests.

Reuters (6/22, Lehman) reports black-market opioid sales "more than doubled" in the two years following the reclassification of the most prescribed variants from schedule III to schedule II by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, according to a study by the University of Kent. "Stronger, more dangerous opioids also gained in popularity," including oxycodone and fentanyl. Researchers argued their findings provide "clear evidence" that the opioid crisis should be fought by reducing demand through "harm reduction, therapeutic intervention, reliable treatment options, dealing with over-prescription early on, and providing information on the danger of opioid use to reduce stigmas."

US House Passes Legislation To Expand Opioid Abuse Treatment. The AP (6/22) reports the US House of Representatives in a 396-14 vote on Friday passed "legislation designed to give health care providers more tools to stem an opioid crisis." It "incorporates dozens of opioid-related bills that lawmakers have made a campaign-season priority," including provisions to encourage "states to increase coverage of treatment for substance abuse disorders through Medicaid," create youth awareness programs, "expand the use of medications to treat opioid abuse;."

Jury Finds New England Mafia Boss, Associate Guilty In 1993 Murder.

The Boston Herald (6/23) reports that Francis "Cadillac Frank" Salemme, "the 84-year-old gangster who steered the New England Mafia with an iron fist," was convicted of "murdering real estate developer Steven DiSarro" 25 years ago. Mob associate Paul Weadick, 63, "was convicted of the same charge: murder of a federal witness." DiSarro's family "said in a statement they welcomed the verdict and the closure it brings." Salemme and Weadick "face life imprisonment." DiSarro was killed "days after an FBI agent approached him about cooperating" against Salemme "as a possible solution to a bank fraud indictment he was facing." The Providence (RI) Journal (6/22) reports that FBI special agent in charge of Boston's field office Harold Shaw said at a news conference after the verdict, "Justice is being served."

Spanish Police Seize 4,000 Pounds Of Cocaine Aboard Yacht.

The Daily Mail (UK) (6/24) reports Spanish Customs police have "arrested a Brit and two Frenchmen after seizing over 4,000lbs of cocaine on board a UK-flagged yacht off Gran Canaria." The cocaine, "which police say had come from south America and was going to be smuggled into Spain, was hidden in 61 sacks." A Spanish National Police spokesman "revealed the operation into a criminal gang smuggling drugs into Spain using yachts had begun in 2015." The spokesman said, "'The modus operandi consisted of transferring the drugs directly into Spanish ports hidden in special compartments, or moving them to other boats at high sea which then brought the drugs into the country. ... The drugs were then stored in safe houses until they could be distributed via the black market." The Daily Mail mentions that Britain's National Crime Agency assisted in the operation.

Mexico's Opium Poppy Growers Turn To Marijuana.

The AP (6/22, Stevenson) reported, "Opium poppy growers in southern Mexico who helped fuel the U.S. heroin epidemic say prices for their product have been driven so low – apparently by the use of synthetic opioids like fentanyl – that they are turning in desperation back to another crop they know well: marijuana." Drug cartels are "increasingly either selling fentanyl in pill form or cutting heroin with fentanyl to boost its potency, thus lessening their need for naturally grown opioids." A US official from an unnamed agency "noted that for traffickers, there are advantages to synthetics." The synthetic drugs are "not affected by rainfall, raids or rival gangs and can be ordered by mail from Chinese labs, avoiding much of the labor and conflict involved in buying small amounts of opium paste from farmers and processing them into heroin and then smuggling it to the U.S. market."

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OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

US Attorney General Warns Against Obstructing Border Police Amid Threats.

Politico (6/24, Griffiths) reports US Attorney General Jeff Sessions over the weekend "issued a warning on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security, saying that regardless of what anyone thinks of Trump administration immigration policies, obstructing or abusing border and customs officials will not be tolerated." In a statement, Sessions said, "Free speech, assembly, and protest are and will be protected. But obstructing law enforcement or committing other crimes will not be tolerated." His warning came after "online activists threatened to dox ICE employees by attempting to publicly shame those who work for the agency and others vowed to use tactics similar to those of the occupy movement to grind immigration enforcement to a halt."

Homeland Security Employees Warned About Potential Threats. CBS News (6/24) reports that Claire M. Grady, the acting Deputy Secretary of DHS, "warned employees" on Saturday that "there may be a heightened threat" against them, according to a memo obtained by CBS. The message says, "This assessment is based on specific and credible threats that have been levied against certain DHS employees and a sharp increase in the overall number of general threats against DHS employees – although the veracity of each threat varies. In addition, over the last few days, thousands of employees have had their personally identifiable information publically [sic] released on social media." CNN (6/23, Kopan, Foran) reports that the message "went to the entire DHS workforce of more than 200,000, a source familiar with the message told CNN. That includes individuals who work for DHS sub-components like US Customs and Border Protection and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

ABC News (6/25, Sands) reports on a series of threats against DHS employees, "primarily against" ICE officers. In "one example, a senior DHS official living in the Washington. D.C. area found a burnt and decapitated animal on his front porch, according to an official with knowledge of the incident."

WikiLeaks Publishes Compromising Database Of ICE Employee Information. The Washington Post (6/22, Flynn) reports WikiLeaks on Thursday "published a database identifying more than 9,000 supposed current and former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees, saying it is important for 'increasing accountability.'" According to the Post, "the database contains the employees' publicly available personal information and job history scraped from LinkedIn, including deportation officers, IT workers, human resource interns and legal assistants, among others."

TECHNOLOGY

Domestic Abusers Take Advantage Of Smart-Home Technology.

The New York Times (6/23, Subscription Publication) reported on a "new pattern of behavior in domestic-abuse cases tied to the rise of smart-home technology." The Times said Internet-connected locks, "speakers, thermostats, lights and cameras marketed as the newest conveniences are also being used as a means for harassment, monitoring, revenge and control." The Times conducted 30 interviews with domestic abuse victims, their lawyers, emergency responders, and shelter workers, who "described how the technology is becoming an alarming new tool." Abusers, using smartphone apps that are connected to the devices, "would remotely control everyday objects in the home, sometimes to watch and listen, other times to scare or show power." Several law-enforcement officials "said the technology was too new to have shown up in their cases, though they suspected the activity was occurring." Palo Alto, California, Police Department Captain Zach Perron said, "I'm sure that it's happening. ... It makes complete sense knowing what I know about the psychology of domestic-violence suspects. Domestic violence is largely about control – people think of physical violence but there's emotional violence, too."

IACP IN THE NEWS

IACP Holding Discussions On Community Policing, Building Trust.

Spectrum (6/21) reported IACP is "holding a series of discussions about community policing around the" US. Spectrum interviewed IACP president and LaGrange, Georgia, Chief Louis Dekmar about the discussions. Dekmar explained that the plan includes roundtable discussions and community listening sessions to "identify common threads" that have prevented trust from forming between the community and its police department. Dekmar said the plan is to use the discussions to come up with solutions to increase a local community's trust in law enforcement. Dekmar is quoted as saying, "Policing is only effective if there's trust between the police and the community they serve."

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

US Border Patrol Saves 300 People During Rescue Missions.

The Christian Broadcasting Network (6/22) reported the US Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector Special Operations Department unit "rescued nearly 300 people in 107 rescue missions." In recent days, RGV's Border Patrol Search Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) unit and Mobile Response Team (MRT) "engaged in rescue missions in flooded areas throughout the Rio Grande Valley." The BORSTAR unit "coordinated efforts with local law enforcement and emergency response personnel." Chief Patrol Agent Manuel Padilla, Jr. is quoted as saying, "While the Border Patrol mission is border security, assisting and supporting

our local community in times of need is also a priority. ... We will continue to support those currently affected by flooding by deploying specialty units to heavily affected areas."

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